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2019 Reading Together

Featuring Angie Thomas



PHOTO: Anissa Hidak



Angie Thomas

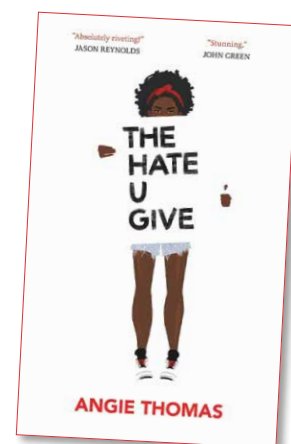
Wednesday, April 17, 7 pm
Chenery Auditorium

714 S. Westnedge Ave.

Premium seating for youth will be available
until 6:50 pm, after which it will be
released to the general public.

Kalamazoo Public Library is pleased to welcome *Reading Together* 2019 author Angie Thomas to Kalamazoo on April 17. Hear Thomas trace the development of her book — and in so doing, speak to the heart of race, activism, and social change in America today. Admission is free and open to the public. The presentation will be followed by a book signing. Bookbug/this is a bookstore will sell copies of Thomas' books at the event.

**For more programming details
and RSVP, visit readingtogether.us**



About the Book: *The Hate U Give*

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter navigates between the poverty-stricken neighborhood where she lives and the upper-crust suburban prep school she attends. Her life is up-ended when she is the sole witness to the shooting of her childhood best friend, Khalil, by a police officer. As Starr finds herself even more torn between the two vastly different worlds she inhabits, she also has to contend with speaking her truth and, in the process, trying to stay alive herself.

The Hate U Give — widely known as the first Black Lives Matter-inspired YA novel — is the #1 *New York Times* bestseller which has topped the list for nearly two years. Described as “the best — and most important — book of the year,” by *Entertainment Weekly*, it's now also a major feature film garnering critical praise. If that wasn't enough, Thomas' hotly-anticipated second novel, *On the Come Up* (Feb 2019), tells the tale of a young, aspiring female rapper — and it's already generating massive buzz. Thomas' keynotes resonate with the same authenticity, insight, and hope that make her writing so powerful, and give context and background to the culture, politics, and movement that inspired it. ▲

More on *Reading Together* on page 4 ...

The author will sign her books
following the event.



Introducing PRISM (the magazine formerly known as LINK)

[priz-uh m] *Optics*: A transparent solid body, often having triangular bases, used for dispersing light into a spectrum or for reflecting rays of light.

Welcome to PRISM, the new and improved LINK to everything you need to know about your library. This quarterly magazine will feature information about new services, recommendations and reviews for books, music, and movies, editorials from KPL staff, an events guide, announcements about new innovations or initiatives that will benefit our community and much, much more!

Parents and caregivers of young children will especially enjoy the new pull-out calendar for all KPL programming for children. This color-coded guide makes it easy to stay on top of everything KPL has to offer our youngest patrons. Pull it out, flip to the current month, and post it on your refrigerator or cork board.

Why PRISM? Recently, the KPL Marketing & Communications Department (MAC) surveyed our patrons to gather feedback on their preferred source of information for all KPL news and events. Consistently, LINK was above and beyond the number one choice for our patrons. Feedback was also gathered on how KPL could improve LINK and what type of information our patrons would like to see more of.

Based off of this feedback, MAC designed a new magazine that offers our patrons a more robust view of everything KPL has to offer them, a prism of collections, services, programs, and experiences that reflects the colorful diversity, spirit and strength of our Kalamazoo community. We hope you enjoy the new PRISM. Tell us what you think at mac@kpl.gov. ▲

KPL to Launch New Website in 2019

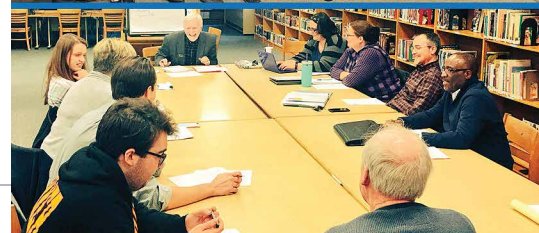
It's been years since Kalamazoo Public Library upgraded our web presence. 2019 will bring a host of new innovative technologies, support and opportunities for patrons to fully access our catalog, events, and explore multiple avenues to gather and receive their information and resources. KPL continues to engage with our dynamic and diverse community, providing quality curation, excellent customer service and a nurturing environment for everyone to discover our dynamic collections and services. Keep an eye out in 2019 for the new kpl.gov! ▲

ONEplace 10-Year Anniversary

ONEplace @ KPL is a nonprofit capacity building center located within Kalamazoo Public Library that provides a variety of free trainings and services to hundreds 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations in Kalamazoo County.

ONEplace will host a 10-year anniversary celebration at **KPL on March 21st, 2019, at 9:15 am**. This event will celebrate accomplishments, thank critical ONEplace partners like Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, Kalamazoo Community Foundation and KPL, and explore ONEplace's vision for the next 10 years.

Like the grand opening event in 2009, this event will take place in the Van Deusen room at KPL. All are welcome; coffee & croissants provided. ▲



Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability at KPL

Kalamazoo Public Library strives to be a good steward of our community and our environment. Going Green isn't new at KPL. Over the years, we have examined ways that we can nurture nature by being more conscientious in the way we dispose of our unused materials and invest in building upgrades that are more energy efficient. We know that taking care of our planet is a lifelong obligation, and our efforts will continue to grow as new technology and innovation provide more opportunities to reduce, reuse and recycle.

In November 1992, the Kalamazoo Public Library Board of Trustees adopted a policy of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability. The policy affirmed the library's ongoing commitment to limit the environmental impact of its operations, and made clear its resolve to become a leader in modeling ecologically sustainable practices.

More than a quarter century later, the library remains committed to reducing its impact on the environment and is dedicated to serving our community as stewards of its precious resources. Learn what else KPL is doing to nurture nature by visiting kpl.gov/gogreen. ▲



Bring Your Own Bag Beginning March 1

Beginning **March 1**, Kalamazoo Public Library will no longer offer plastic bags. We encourage visitors to bring their own reusable bag every time they visit the library. Thank you for supporting KPL's Go Green commitment to our community.

Did you know*:

- The U.S. uses 100 billion plastic shopping bags annually?
- Plastic bags are made of polyethylene, which is a petroleum product. Production of these bags contributes to air pollution and energy consumption.
- It takes 1,000 years for polyethylene bags to break down.
- Approximately 1 billion seabirds and mammals die each year ingesting plastic bags.

* Source: postconsumers.com ▲



All In at KPL

Research tells us that between the ages of two and five years old, children become aware of differences in gender, culture, ethnicity, abilities, non-traditional families, and economic status. Many adults feel uncomfortable talking about these differences with their children. Fortunately, picture books can provide a great start in educating small children about bias in a way they can developmentally understand.

The *All In* collection at Kalamazoo Public Library provides parents and caregivers with tools to help educate children about bias and to obtain the tools they need to resist it. Each of the bags contains excellent picture books and a toy or activity based around a social equality theme. Useful information for adults on how to effectively talk to young children about these differences at their appropriate developmental level is included. Check out one of the *All In* bags when you visit the Children's Room at the Central or Oshtemo Library locations.

A special *All In/Play to Learn* session will be held once a month: **Saturdays, March 23, April 27, & May 2, 10:30 am | CEN.** ▲



The Friends of KPL June Bag-of-Books Sale

June brings with it many wonderful things — like sunny days, downtown Kalamazoo's June Jubilee, and of course the KPL *Summer Bag-of-Books Sale*. This giant book sale is always a lot of fun! It's held outside in Central Library's parking lot. You can shop for bargain books and enjoy the *Do Dah Parade* at the same time! There is always a great selection. You'll find thousands of books at bargain prices. Here's what you need to know:

DATE: **Saturday, June 8**
TIME: **9 am to 3:30 pm**
PLACE: **Central Library parking lot
@ the corner of Rose St.
and Lovell St.**



Bring your own sturdy bags. CASH or CHECK only. ▲

Find your voice

2019 Reading Together

The Hate U Give — Angie Thomas

Speak your truth

Organizations and book groups throughout the community have been reading and discussing *The Hate U Give* since it was announced as the 2019 *Reading Together* title. The discussions below are open to the public.

Reading Race Book Group

Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 pm

Kalamazoo Public Library
315 S. Rose St.

Led by Donna Odom of SHARE
(The Society for History
and Racial Equity)



Open For Discussion

Tuesday, March 19 at 10:30 am

Book Talk

Tuesday, April 2 at 7 pm

Portage District Library
300 Library Ln.

Led by Ruth Cowles,
Adult Librarian

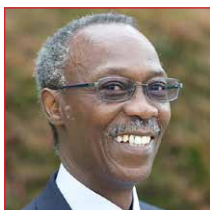


Book discussion

Wednesday, March 20 at 2 pm

Kalamazoo Institute of Arts
314 S. Park St.

Led by KIA docent
Harvey Myers
and **Stacey Randolph Ledbetter**,
retired police officer and
Law Team Lead — Kalamazoo
TRHT (Truth, Racial Healing,
and Transformation) Initiative



Dig Deeper — Explore the Themes

Social Protest Through Song: From Spirituals to Dylan to Tupac to Trump

Sat. March 16 at 10:30 am

Parchment Community Library
401 S. Riverview Ave.

Presenters: Dr. Cristina Fava and Dr. Beau Bothwell



How to Talk to Your Teens in Difficult Times

Tuesday, March 19 at 7 pm

Portage District Library
300 Library Ln.

Presenter: Leona Carter



Protest as Writing; Writing for Protest

Tuesday, March 26 at 7 pm

Arcus Center for Social
Justice Leadership
205 Monroe St.

Presenters: Elaine Sayre and Linda Lee



The Hate U Give — The Book vs The Movie

Tuesday, April 9 at 6 pm

Oshtemo Branch Library
7265 W. Main St.

Presenter: Tirrea Billings



If that wasn't enough, Thomas' hotly-anticipated second novel, *On the Come Up* (Feb 2019), tells the tale of a young, aspiring female rapper — and it's already generating massive buzz.

For more programming details and RSVP, visit readingtogether.us

The purpose of *Reading Together* is to build a stronger community with deeper connections through the common experience of reading the same book and exploring its themes together. When we do that, we engage and learn, not only about ourselves, but more importantly about each other and the world around us.

By experiencing the same book, hearing the author of that work speak right here in Kalamazoo, and examining the book's themes through a local lens, we are able to embrace our similarities and differences from a common point of reference. Very simply, **when we read together, we grow together.** ▲

TEEN EVENTS

March, April, May 2019

Grades 6–12

Grades 6–8

Grades 9–12

All Ages

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Grades 6–12: Teen

Book Club: *On the Come Up* by Angie Thomas

Saturday, March 23, 1 pm | CEN
Thursday, April 11, 4:30 pm | POW

Bad Movie Night

Wednesday, March 6,
5:30 pm | CEN/Teen Studio

Come for the movie, stay for the mockery!
We'll watch one of the worst movies EVER
made on purpose! Food, giveaways,
Bad Movie Bingo, and more!



Open Gaming

Mondays, March 4, April 1, May 6,
4:30–6 pm | OSH

Join us for an evening of gaming as we break
out the new PS4 and Nintendo Switch!

Magic: The Gathering

Tuesday, March 12, 5–7 pm | OSH

Whether you're new to the game or a seasoned
player, we welcome you to come out and play!
Snacks provided.

Jackbox Trivia Night

Wednesday, March 20,
5:30 pm | CEN/Teen Studio

Are you a smarty pants? Bring your smart-
phone and your smart brain for some of the
dumbest trivia around! Prizes, snacks, and
extra iPads provided.



Celebrate National Poetry Month

April, Open Hours | CEN/Teen Area

Celebrate *National Poetry Month* with
a different poetry-themed activity each week!
Scavenger hunts, magnetic poetry, cut-up
poetry, and more! Write a poem to spin the
prize wheel!



Forbidden Island, Life-Sized Edition

Monday, April 1, 2–5 pm | CEN/Teen Studio
Friday, April 5, 10:30–1:30 pm | OSH

Drop in to test your skills! Grab the treasure
and escape the island before it sinks into the
sea! No experience necessary. Youth will play
in groups of 2–6 each half hour. Sign up in
advance to reserve your time or just drop in
and join a group! Game play will take 30–45
minutes. Teens can enjoy refreshments and
other activities in between rounds! Registration
suggested but not required.



Open Art Studio

Tuesday, April 2, 2–4 pm | CEN/Teen Studio
Thursday, April 4, 2–4 pm | CEN/Teen Studio
Come in, hang out, MAKE A THING! Terrari-
ums Tuesday, Fairy Jars Thursday! We provide
the materials. You provide the creativity!

Speak Your Truth Through Art

Tuesday, April 2, 2–4 pm | POW
Wednesday, April 3, 2–4 pm | OSH
Thursday, April 4, 2–4 pm | CEN

Create a print inspired by *The Hate U Give*.
Take a copy home and leave a copy with us
to show off your work at Friday's Art Hop.
All supplies provided.



Game Central

Wednesday, April 3, 4–6 pm | CEN/Teen Area
Friday, April 5, 2–4 pm | CEN/Teen Area

Get your game on with board games, card games,
PlayStation VR and multiple gaming systems!

Kalamazoo Book Arts Class

Tuesday, April 3, 10 am–Noon,
CEN/Teen Studio

Create incredible book art with KBAC.
Please register.

Mug Painting with Art Bayou

Wednesday, April 3, 2 pm | EAS

Paint a ceramic mug with your own personal
designs. We'll have it fired and let you know
when it's ready for pick up. Please register.

Teen Time

Thursday, April 4, 2 pm | POW

Pizza, crafts, and video games, just for teens!



Movie: *The Hate U Give*

Saturday, March 9, 1:30 pm | POW

View the 2018 film based on this year's
Reading Together title! Snacks and
refreshments provided!

Breakfast Club

Saturdays, April 13 & May 4,
10:30–11:30 am | EAS

Stop in for breakfast, games, crafts, and more,
just for teens on Saturday mornings!



Plastic Bottle Planters

Monday, April 22, 5 pm | OSH

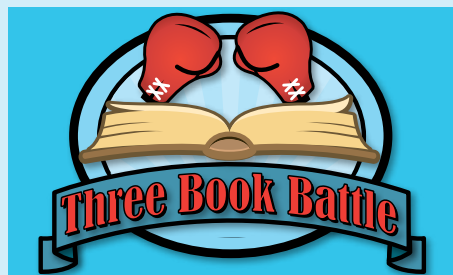
Celebrate Earth Day by upcycling plastic
bottles into planters for live plants! All supplies
included. Please register.

Event Attendance Details

Registration required; call location.

Ticket required; pick up ticket
at host location.

Maker program.



Three Book Battle

Saturday, April 27, 1 pm | CEN/Van Deusen
Attention book lovers! It's time for the 6th annual *Three Book Battle*, where teams of three compete in three rounds of questions from three books for the championship! We're expanding to include both middle and high school levels this year. Teams receive a set of the three books to keep and fabulous prizes for winning. To register and for more info, go to kpl.gov/tbb.

Don't delay. Form a team of three and register today!

Here's the fine print:

- Teams of three, of either all 6–8 graders or all 9–12 graders
- Name your team and register online at www.kpl.gov/tbb
- Pick up one set of books for your team at KPL Central/Teen Area or the Oshtemo Branch after February 15.
- Refreshments will be served at the competition. Invite your friends and family to watch!

2019 TBB Titles, Grades 6–8:

Journey of Little Charlie
by Christopher Paul Curtis
Short by Holly Goldberg Sloan
5 Worlds: The Sand Warrior
by Mark Siegel and Alexis Siegel

2019 TBB Titles, Grades 9–12:

Dumplin' by Julie Murphy
Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson
Ms. Marvel by G. Willow Wilson



May the 4th Be With You

**Saturday, May 4,
9 am–5 pm | CEN/Teen Studio**
Join us in the Teen Studio for an all-day *Star Wars* movie marathon!



Melty Beads

Wednesday, May 15, 4:30 pm | EAS
Create one-of-a-kind creations with melting beads!



Glass Arts

Saturday, March 2, 2 pm | POW
Create a work of art with the Kalamazoo Glass Arts Center! Please register.



Shoe Cleaning Party

Tuesday, March 26, 6 pm | POW
Bring your favorite pair of sneakers or those you need restored to the shoe lab! Learn the tricks and tips on restoring your kicks! Design your own shoe and enter it into our contest. Spin the wheel for a prize!

All Ages: Everyone

The Hate U Give Art Show all ages

Tuesday, March 12, 5:30–7:30 pm | POW
Join us for Art Hop as we celebrate *The Hate U Give* in art form with artists Remi Harington and Gerald King.

Say Something! Media & Ideas Festival

**Saturday, April 13, 1–8 pm,
Epic Center Joliffe Theater**
Calling filmmakers of all ages! Public Media Network has combined the former Teen Filmmaker Festival and NxMW Film festivals into one grand event. The Say Something! Media & Ideas Festival will bring creators of media and spoken word together to celebrate the power of voice to engage and transform our communities. Media producers of all are encouraged to submit content inspired by shifting narratives, imagining the future, and solutions to community issues. Some suggested themes include: social justice, environmental responsibility, youth development, shared prosperity, connected cities, community, family, and KPL's *Reading Together* book, *The Hate U Give*. The top adult and youth winners in each category will receive a book by the author to have autographed by author, Angie Thomas, on April 17th at Chenery Auditorium. A Pecha Kucha performance and a free featured film will conclude the festival. **Deadline for film entries is Noon, Friday, March 29th, 2019.** For event schedule or to submit a project, visit: www.publicmedianet.org, filmfreeway.com/say-something-media-ideas-festival, or call Public Media Network at (269) 343-2211.

Meet the Author: Angie Thomas

**Wednesday, April 17, 7 pm
Chenery Auditorium
714 S. Westnedge Ave.**
Hear Thomas trace the development of her book – and in so doing, speak to the heart of race, activism, and social change in America today. Admission is free and open to the public. The presentation will be followed by a book signing. Premium seating for youth will be available until 6:50 pm, after which it will be released to the general public.

May the 4th Be With You

Saturday, May 4, 2 pm | POW
Join us for a *Star Wars* movie, themed crafts, and fun for the whole family!



Branch Contact Information

CEN (Central)553-7800
315 S. Rose St.

EAS (Eastwood)553-7810
1112 Gayle Ave.

OSH (Oshtemo)553-7980
7265 W. Main St.

POW (Alma Powell)553-7960
1000 W. Paterson St.

WSQ (Washington Square) .553-7970
1244 Portage St.

ADULT EVENTS

March, April, May 2019

■ Ages 18+

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Page Turners Book Club

Monday, March 4, 6:30 pm, OSH –
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Monday, April 1, 6:30 pm, OSH –
Queen Sugar by Natalie Baszile

Monday, May 6, 6:30 pm, OSH –
Burial Rites by Hannah Kent

Engage in thought-provoking conversation about books, exchange perspectives, and get to know your neighbors.

Free Tax Preparation

Thursday, March 7, 10 am–3 pm | CEN

Monday, March 11, 2–7 pm | OSH

Monday, March 18, 2–7 pm | EAS

Thursday, April 4, 10 am–3 pm | CEN

Free income tax preparation and electronic filing for individuals and families with household income under \$55,000 in 2018, prepared by IRS-certified community volunteers. **Dial 2-1-1 or 1 (800) 563-5432** to make appointment or for more info.

Reading Race Book Group

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 pm | CEN –

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 pm | CEN –

What the Eyes Don't See by Mona Hanna-Attisha

This book group, co-sponsored by the Society for History and Racial Equity (SHARE) and KPL's Antiracism Transformation Team, focuses on race and racism in American society.

GLAMA Acoustic Slow Jam

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 pm | CEN

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 pm | CEN

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 pm | CEN

We invite you to join the Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association for a fun jam based on simple chord progressions and slow to medium tempo tunes. All acoustic stringed instruments welcome! Basic jamming tips are included.

Celery City Books Reading

Wednesday, March 13, 7 pm | CEN

Celery City Books presents a reading with this year's winning authors: local winners Margaret DeRitter and Scott Bade, along with state winners Janice Zerfas and Sophie Rivkin.

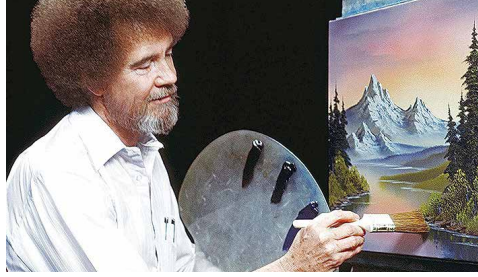
GLAMA Community Sing

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 pm | CEN

Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 pm | CEN

Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 pm | CEN

Come and sing along with folksinger and songwriter Patricia Pettinga and her GLAMA Community Sing co-hosts. Lyric sheets are provided.



Bob Ross Paint-Along

Saturday, March 30, 1 & 3 pm | CEN

Follow along with a soothing episode of *The Joy of Painting with Bob Ross*. Paint your own landscape filled with happy little trees. Supplies and good vibes will be provided. Registration is required. Two identical sessions are offered. **R**

Michigan POW Camps in WWII

Saturday, April 6, 2 pm | OSH

During World War II, Michigan became a temporary home to 6,000 German and Italian POWs. At a time of homefront labor shortages, they picked fruit in Berrien County, harvested sugar beets in the Thumb, cut pulpwood in the Upper Peninsula and maintained parks and other public spaces in Detroit. The work programs were not flawless and not all of the prisoners were cooperative, but many of the men established enduring friendships with their captors. Author Gregory Sumner tells the story of these detainees and the ordinary Americans who embodied our highest ideals, even amid a global war.

Michigan, My Michigan: A History of This State

Monday, April 15, 7 pm | CEN –

Urban Life, Immigration and Progressivism

Thursday, May 9, 7 pm | CEN –

The Automobile Industry in Michigan

Lynn Houghton will continue Michigan's colorful history with this next session which will cover the state from the end of the Nineteenth century to the beginnings and growth of the automotive industry which shaped Michigan tremendously during the early years of the Twentieth century and continues to this day. The course continues to look at its residents, its institutions, its economy and the events and issues that have shaped it through the years.

The Kalamazoo Corset Workers Strike of 1912

Thursday, April 18, 7 pm | CEN

The *Kalamazoo Corset Company* was one of Kalamazoo's largest employers in the early decades of the 20th century. The overwhelming majority of its 1000-strong workforce were women. In 1911, the women protested their wages and working conditions and the following year went out on strike. Join Tom Dietz as he explores the story of this major episode in Kalamazoo's labor history.

Urban Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, April 23, 6 pm | POW –

I Don't Want You Back by Chenell Parker

Tuesday, May 28, 6 pm | POW –

Desperate: I'll Do Anything for Love
by B.M. Hardin

Rain is dropping, drama is popping. Pick up these two good reads and join us for a lively discussion at the *Urban Fiction Book Club*.

Good People, Bad Luck

Thursday, April 25th, 7 pm | CEN

Join us for an evening with fiction writers, Andy Mozina (*Contrary Motion, Quality Snacks*), Bonnie Jo Campbell (*Once Upon A River, American Salvage*), Deborah Carol Gang (*The Half-Life of Everything*), and Kalamazoo College poet Oliver Baez Bendorf (*The Advantage of Being Evergreen*, in press, *The Spectral Wilderness*) as they read from new work that considers the collision of bad luck and human nature.

Meet the Author: Raeven Barnes

Monday, May 6, 6 pm | EAS

Join us for an evening with local author Raeven Barnes, whose debut collection of short fiction, *Tales of a Broken Girl*, was released last year. Women who have been hurt, neglected, and battered pour out their hearts in this very sensitive collection. All are welcome to join the conversation with the author as we journey into the tales of broken girls and the resilience to recover.



Intro to Genealogy

Monday, May 20, 6:30 pm | OSH

Learn how to start compiling your family tree through databases like *Ancestry.com*, *MyHeritage*, KPL's index to local publications, plus important print sources, major collections, and more.

Event Attendance Details

R Registration required; call location.

T Ticket required; pick up ticket at host location.

M Maker program.



Message from the Director

Ryan Wieber, *KPL Director*

"Late winter and early spring is a busy time at KPL, with reading and literacy-based opportunities at all locations ..."

I hope you enjoy the new format for delivering Kalamazoo Public Library news and events to your door. PRISM provides more content that highlights library news and programming, easier to read text, and a convenient pull-out calendar for youth programming. This new version reveals everything-KPL in a vibrant, readable, and handy layout. Also coming soon is KPL's reenergized website that emphasizes better accessibility and an advanced integration of the library's catalog that creates better discovery of a vast print, media, and digital collection. Online users will seamlessly move between KPL's in-house collection and resources provided conveniently through statewide resource sharing like MelCat and our digital partners, too.

Reading Together 2019 featuring Angie Thomas and her thought-provoking and generation-crossing title *The Hate U Give* has led to an abundance of opportunities to participate in discussions, special programs, and, of course, the author's visit at Chenery Auditorium on April 17. Be sure to visit readingtogether.us to indicate your attendance that evening.

Late winter and early spring is a busy time at KPL, with reading and literacy-based opportunities at all locations ranging from story times and *1-2-3 Play with Me* for young children, to unique book groups like the *Urban Fiction Book Club* at Alma Powell Branch (4th Tuesday at 6pm) or the *Classics Revisited* monthly discussion at Central (3rd Thursday at 7pm). Additional adult options this season include Lynn Houghton's continuing history series: *Michigan, My Michigan*; or author Gregory Sumner's program on the history of POW Camps in Michigan at the Oshtemo Branch on Saturday, April 6 at 2 pm; for those interested in developing a hidden artistic talent: the *Bob Ross Paint-Along* on March 30 at Central will fulfill your inner artist. Visit a KPL location today for books, movies, music, internet, programs, or a quiet place to study! ▲



Ask a Lawyer

For appointment information call the Law Library, 553-7920

Free legal clinics for persons of low-to-moderate income with Bar Association lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, divorce, and family law.

You may make only one, free 30-minute appointment per six months. Clinics do not include follow-up. Further consultation must be negotiated with an individual attorney.

New Family-based immigration legal clinics!

Are you a legal permanent resident or U.S. citizen who has questions about immigrating family members to the U.S.?

Inspired by the longstanding model of the Kalamazoo County Bar Association Legal Outreach Clinics at the Kalamazoo Public Library, Justice for Our Neighbors-Michigan will sponsor free, monthly, family-based immigration legal clinics for low-income individuals. An attorney will be available for 20-30 minute consultations to provide limited advice, additional resources and/or referrals. In no instance is there any charge for the services of the clinic. By appointment only.

These clinics will be monthly and are designed for:

Legal permanent residents (possess a green card) or U.S. citizens who have questions about the immigration of spouses and children to the United States. Same-sex couples/LGBTQ family-based immigration questions are welcome!

Schedule of family-based immigration clinics:
Wednesday, April 24, 10 am–12:30 pm | CEN

**Tuesday, March 26, &
Tuesday, May 28, 5:30–7:30 pm | OSH**

Questions? Please call
KPL Law Library at: **(269) 553-7920**

Appointments? Please call
Justice for Our Neighbors at **(269) 743-2501**



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